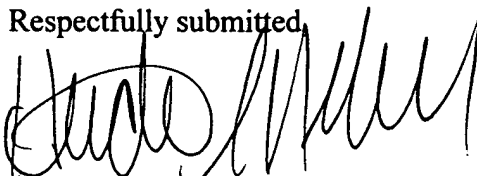


REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to two groups: Group I -claims 1-8, and Group II - claims 9-28. In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects to prosecute claims 9-28 with traverse. Applicant submits that no separate search is required to search the non-elected groups, and can be reviewed in a single search. Reconsideration is requested. In the event the requirement is maintained, claims 1-8 will be canceled upon indication of allowable subject matter.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this election; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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